We exhibit experimental evidence relating characters of KLR modules and equivariant multiplicities of MV cycles in finite and affine type $A$. On the categorical side our computations are governed by cluster combinatorics of $\mathbb{C}_{q}[N]$ whereas on the geometric side our computations are governed conjecturally by crystal combinatorics of (affine) MV polytopes. (Received March 08, 2021)

